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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Mr. David Waddell, Executive Secretary Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243-3505

RE:

City of Athens Utilities, Athens, Alabama Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Serve the City of Ardmore, Tennessee

Docket No: 98-00800

Dear Mr. Waddell:

As you are aware, the Tennessee Legislature recently enacted a Bill that exempts the City of Athens Utilities from the jurisdiction of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority except for pipeline safety matters. Accordingly, I would like to withdraw our application as referenced above.

If there is any thing else that we can do to provide your Agency with any needed information, please let me know.

I appreciate your staff's aid and assistance in this matter. Although most of the staff members that I had contact with (Ms. Fox, Mr. Poff, and Mr. Novak) appear to have left the Agency, I wanted you to know that they were very professional and helpful in our endeavor to provide natural gas service to Ardmore, Tennessee.

Very truly yours,

CITY OF ATHENS UTILITIES

T. T. Craven General Manager